

Existing law requires a separate pilotage fee commission to exist relative to each pilot association established and operated under state law. Requires each commission to be composed of eight members, and eight alternates, to represent the respective interests of the association and the steamship industry appointed as follows:

- (1) Four members appointed by the governor to represent the interests of the association who are designated by the board of directors of the association to which the commission relates.
- (2) Four members appointed by the governor to represent the interests of the steamship industry who are nominated by the New Orleans Steamship Association, the Baton Rouge Steamship Association, the Lake Charles Maritime Association, and the International Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of New Orleans. Requires the four members to include:
 - (a) A representative of the American flag cargo or passenger vessels operating to and from Louisiana ports.
 - (b) A representative of foreign flag vessels operating to and from Louisiana ports.
 - (c) A representative of tanker or bulk carrier vessels operating to and from Louisiana ports.
 - (d) An at-large representative who may or may not be directly connected to the ownership or operation of vessels.

Existing law requires all appointees to be residents of the state and allows for terms concurrent with the appointing governor. Provides each fee commission with exclusive authority to fix and establish reasonable fees and rates for pilotage services.

New law retains existing law except changes the ability to nominate representatives from the steamship industry from the Baton Rouge Steamship Association to the Mississippi River Maritime Association.

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